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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN FARMERS BY WORLD BANK
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of poor financial conditions of farmers and also to protect them from money-lenders, the World Bank has been approached to release financial aid;

(b) if so, the quantum of said aid and the States wherein the said aid is likely to be provided to the farmers; and

(c) the State-wise and area-wise details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. However, out of the total financial package of Rs.13,596 crore, for strengthening the Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS) in the Country comprising State Cooperative Banks (SCBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS), the World Bank has agreed to provide an assistance of US$ 600 million to the Government of India. The World Bank assistance is proposed in the form of loan of US$ 300 million from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and a credit of SDR 196.8 million (equivalent to US$ 300 million) from International Development Association (IDA).

The World Bank Loan is to be used for supplementing the Government Package for rehabilitation of Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure in the States of Orissa, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana.